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## **Sen. Van Woerkom reading to students in New Era**

**Who:** State Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores.

**What:** Sen. Van Woerkom will be reading to students at New Era Christian Elementary School as part of Reading Month.

**When:** Friday, March 17  
11:20 to 11:45 a.m.

**Where:** New Era Christian Elementary  
1901 Oak Ave.  
New Era.

**Briefing:** In honor of Reading Month, Sen. Van Woerkom will be reading to elementary schools across the 34th Senate District throughout March.

Every year, school children throughout Michigan celebrate "March is Reading Month." The purpose is to highlight reading as a fun activity that children and parents can do together, while promoting literacy.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, approximately 40 percent of students across the nation cannot read at a basic level. Learning to read and the promotion of reading needs to start at an early age and continue throughout life.

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